REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 22 has been made a proper independent claim and includes the limitations of claims 1, 10 and 12. In addition, claims 5 and 14-21 have been cancelled, while claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 21.

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 7, 9, 10, 12-20, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,199,099 to Gershman et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0045451 to Tan et al. Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has found claims 21-23 allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicant believes that in view of the above changes, the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection has been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 22-25, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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